



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2019

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Séamus Morris, John "Rocky" McGrath and Michael O' Meara.
Also Present	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Mr. Donal Purcell, A/District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer; Mr. Donal Murphy, Staff Officer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer. Environment Section: Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer, Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer and Kieran McKenna, A/Senior Executive Engineer. Roads Section: Liam Brett, Senior Engineer
Apologies	Marion O Neill, Senior Executive Officer
	Members sent good wishes to Rosemary Joyce at this time.
Item 1. Minutes of July Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Hughie McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the July Meeting held on 18 th July, 2019 be adopted.
Item 2. Action Plan	The Action Plan from the July meeting was noted
Item 3. To receive briefing from Environment	Ms. C. Morrissey circulated a report on Environment activities. A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Burial Grounds➤ Civic Amenity➤ Community Services➤ Control of Dogs➤ Control of Horses➤ Derelict Sites➤ Litter Enforcement➤ Public Awareness➤ Waste Management➤ Environment Protection➤ Climate & Energy➤ Complaints Members welcomed the progress on the graveyards. Cllr. S. Morris requested additional bins to be placed on Church Road near St. Conlan's Home due to the school buses, Cllr. P. Bugler requested



	<p>bins from the roundabout to the Riverside Park in Ballina.</p> <p>Dog patrols are currently being undertaken in a major town in each District, with 2 towns completed and the 3 remaining Districts to be completed in 2020. Once these are completed if resources are available the programme will be extended to other areas.</p> <p>Derelict sites at Portroe Hill, Cullina and Military Barracks were raised by councillors. The work completed on the Anglers Rest was complimented but a request was made to contact the owner regarding the rubble at the entrance.</p> <p>Kieran McKenna, Environment gave a presentation on the re-opening of Ballaghveny and the remediation of the Shannon Vermi Compost Site.</p> <p>The Councillors welcomed the project, credit was paid to the community and it was acknowledged that this was a very emotive issue. The Shannon Vermi Compost site shows the importance of planning enforcement.</p> <p>There is no indication that the material that has to be removed is hazardous but it will have to be mixed and transported carefully. Consultation with all communities including those communities along any proposed routes should be a priority at all stages. It will take a number of years to complete.</p>												
<p>Item 4. To finalise items for discussion at TII meeting to be held on 5th November, 2019</p>	<p>An updated list of items for discussion with TII was circulated. Liam Brett informed the members that all items have to be submitted by the 27th September. It was agreed that the members will send any of the issues they want to raise into the District Administrator by the 27th and the District will liaise with Roads.</p>												
<p>Item 5. Allocation of Funding 2019</p>	<p>(a) To approve grants to Clubs & Organisations (b) To approve grants to Residents Associations.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1765 1489 1917"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Club/Organisation</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society</td> <td>€250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black Eagle Judo</td> <td>€450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nenagh Ormond Search Unit</td> <td>€250.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 1946 1489 2018"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Residents Association</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Front Lawn Ardan Residents Association</td> <td>€400.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society	€250.00	Black Eagle Judo	€450.00	Nenagh Ormond Search Unit	€250.00	Name of Residents Association	Recommendation	Front Lawn Ardan Residents Association	€400.00
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**Item 6.
To update
members on
projects and
events**

Newport Town Park

The consultant, Nic de Jong, is currently working on the detailed design. A meeting with the Newport Playground Committee and Nic de Jong took place on the 18th July 2019 where the type of playground equipment to be used was discussed. Site investigation works relating to ESB services have begun. It is anticipated that a tender will issue in respect of this project at the end of this month.

Nenagh Tourist Office & Town & Village Renewal – Banba Square

An architect led design team (Healy Partners) were appointed in July. Murphy Surveys have been procured to carry out the necessary survey information. It is anticipated that the Council will shortly be commencing Part 8 procedures.

Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle

Following intensive consideration and consultation, a logo for Nenagh 800 has now been selected. 'A Song for Nenagh' competition has been advertised. Song-writers from Nenagh and surrounds or originally from the area are invited to write a song for Nenagh 800. Eva Birdthistle has agreed to help co-ordinate this competition and has secured the services of Luka Bloom to help in the judging.

Discussions are on-going with OPW and the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht in relation to the next phase of the Castle development and various potential funding opportunities are being explored.

Historic Towns Initiative

Conservation works has commenced on Nenagh Gaol in accordance with the funding allocated under the Historic Towns Initiative.

Town Revival Initiative

A very successful Town Forum meeting was held on 2nd July. Presentations were given by David Fitzsimons from Retail Excellence and Simon Wall, Town Architect, Mayo County Council. The evening was very well received, in excess of 80 people attended. A number of people have since expressed an interest in coming on board. Going forward we will be working on 3 pillars namely Retail Hospitality Group, Standards and Public Realm Group and Citizen Engagement and Communication Group. The slides from the presentations on the night are available on the County Council website.

Enterprise Towns

Nenagh again this year entered the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Towns Awards (NETA) Competition. Judging took place



on 3rd September and Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce and other groups put in place an impressive programme for the judges 3 hour visit, showcasing what Nenagh has to offer. Results will be announced on the 5th December 2019.

Twinning

Successful progress is being made in respect of the twinning arrangements between Basse-Goulaine and Ballina/Killaloe. A group from the twinning committee are travelling to Ireland in October for the Kincora Trad Fest and they will spend three days in the area. In addition an invitation has been accepted by Deputy Mayor of Basse-Goulaine, Mr Jose Godinho, and two further Municipal Councillors.

Emmet Place/Mitchel St

Documentation is being prepared for Part 8 for this project involving the demolition of buildings and provision of car parking. Following public consultation a report will be brought back to members. Discussions are taking place with the adjoining building owners.

Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre

Morgan Kilgallen and Associates has drawn up a brief and tender documents for a Business and Architectural Led Project team to further develop the proposal for the provision of a digital hub/innovation centre at Stereame. The closing date for receipt of these tenders is Friday 27th September.

Bord Gais Project

There are remaining snags outstanding including the resurfacing of parking areas on Kenyon Street and Pearse Street and the reinstatement of road markings throughout the town.

Major Road Projects

N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.

Work started on the scheme in November 2018. The Contractor has commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme and completed footpaths on both sides and most of road surfacing works up to the Fire Station. Also the footpaths on the western side of the Main Street have been completed and the contractor has now commenced the footpaths on the eastern side.

R498 Knockalton Realignment.

Work started on the scheme in December 2018. The scheme is complete apart from snagging and some accommodation works.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is



	<p>underway. Pre-CPO consultation with landowners is ongoing. Subject to Department approval it is anticipated that the CPO will then be advertised Q4 2019 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place in 2020.</p> <p><u>SIRO</u> Works are continuing in the town. It is anticipated that broadband connections will be available at the southern end of the town by the end of October. There are delays however for the remainder of the town with the project expected to run into 2020.</p> <p><u>Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494</u> Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2019. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q4 2020 taking in the region of 3 years to complete.</p> <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u> This scheme involves raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019 with detailed design and construction taking place in 2020.</p> <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig Bends</u> This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorig. Preliminary design worked is completed and funding is being sought from the TII to design and carry out the pavement improvement works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2019 with construction taking place in 2020</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the carpark in Ballina.</p> <p>Cllrs. Morris and McGrath requested that contact would be made again with the OPW about the possibility of lighting up the Castle and a response in writing should be requested.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler complimented the Quest event that was held in Ballina especially the work undertaken by Paul Keane, Executive Engineer, Nenagh M.D.</p>
<p>Item 7. To note the date for the Community Policing meeting</p>	<p>It was confirmed that the Community Policing meeting will take place on the 17th October, 2019 from 9.30a.m to 10.30a.m before the next Municipal District meeting.</p> <p>Any issues that the members would wish to raise should be emailed into the District Administrator beforehand.</p>
<p>Item 8. To receive</p>	<p>A report on the update on the Roadworks Programme was circulated. Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that the programme is where</p>



update on Roadworks Programme	<p>it should be at this stage of the year.</p> <p>Due to the knock-on effect of the emergency works at O'Brien's Bridge the final 100m section of work in Ballina will be completed during the mid-term break in November.</p> <p>Drainage works will take place later in the year and tenders have gone out on 4 footpath projects.</p>
Item 9. To note Engineers Checklist on Roads matters	<p>The Engineers Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Speeding in numerous locations was raised as an issue. Once the Roadworks programme is completed speed surveys will take place however enforcement is a Garda issue and could be discussed at the Community Policing meeting in October. Mr. L. Brett informed the members that a pilot project is currently in progress identifying locations and working with schools to educate students.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara raised the issue that there is a big section of the retaining wall at the bridge in Portumna that needs to be repaired; he also requested an update on the Town and Village renewal schemes. Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that notification is normally received this time of year.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy requested that the trees on Main St. Cloughjordan would be cut for the Christmas lights; that work would be carried out on the road at Bantiss as the surface is poor and the reflectors need to be upgraded. The trees around the public lights in Yewston near the nursing home need to be inspected. Cllr. Darcy raised the issue of the low walls at the bridge at Rathnaleen and the sight lines at the road realignment at Grange/Ballinwear.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested the possibility of a footpath opposite the Church be examined, the signs on R445 be cleaned, drainage problem at Tountinna be examined, hedges at Darcy's Bridge be cut and broken sign on small bridge on R496 be repaired.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris referred to a number of outstanding queries on which he was awaiting responses.</p>
Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion	<p>Notice of Motion No. 1732 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler "I hereby request Tipperary County Council to unblock drains in Shoreside Estate, Ballina. These drains are clogged for a long period of time due to heavy rainfall."</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy. The following response was read out by Mr. D. Purcell:-</p> <p><i>A visit took place to Shoreside (Cullenagh) during heavy rain in the week of the 22nd August. There was no flooding obvious although 3 to 4 gullies could be cleaned out. This will be included</i></p>



	<p><i>in any upcoming street cleaning.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No. 1733 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler "I request Tipperary County Council to install a railing on Washerwoman's Bridge in Riverside Park, Ballina, in the interest of safety."</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Mr. D. Purcell:-</p> <p><i>Tipperary County Council will provide a handrail here. This will be in accordance with Building Regulations, Technical Guidance Document K, Stairways, Ladders, Ramps and Guards and will consist of wall mounted handrail on both sides, powder coated finish in black.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No. 1734 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler "I request Tipperary County Council to install reflector lighting on small footpaths at Bridge in R496 in the interest of safety."</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Mr. D. Purcell:-</p> <p><i>There are already 4 reflectorised bollards with directional arrows mounted on the rubbing strips for the "give and take" system over the bridge on the R496. Where the reflectorised material is faded or missing this will be replaced. Any approach signs damaged or missing will be replaced. Hedge cutting will be completed as required. There is no requirement at this stage for any other works here.</i></p>
Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders	Noted
Item 12. Correspondence	<p>The following correspondence was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government dated 9th September, 2019 regarding the application procedure for grants for the improvement of septic tanks➤ Department of Finance dated 29th Jul 2019 regarding insurance. <p>Cllr. M. O Meara requested that the issue of insurance would be kept on the agenda along with the issue on the septic tanks.</p>
Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>There were no Votes of Sympathy passed.</p> <p>Votes of Congratulations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tipperary Senior & U20 hurling teams on winning the All Ireland Senior & U20 Hurling Finals



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tipperary Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Football Final➤ Quest Lough Derg on holding a successful event➤ St Michael's FC on winning the FAI Junior Cup➤ Aimee Hayde on competing in the European Youth Olympic Festival
Item 14 AOB	<p>Cllr. S. Morris requested a further meeting between the District and Nenagh Anglers regarding the Riverwalk. Mr. M. O Connor confirmed that the Anglers were to come back to the District Administrator.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy complimented LEO on the workshop on Brexit and he also complimented the presentation for the judges of the National Enterprise Town and recommended that the presentation that was provided on the day would be shown to the Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan and Mr. M. O Connor requested that all the councillors would encourage Planning Agents to attend a workshop that is being provided by Planning on submitting planning applications.</p>

This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: 
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17/10/19.

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17/10/19